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## PEOPLE'S TICKET WINS!

Bossism Defunct—No More Rings or Combinations Need Apply.

The Straight Republican Ticket is No Good Politically, and all is Lovely.

We cannot refrain from indulging in a few words of exultation over the result of Tuesday's city election. It has ever been our opinion that in the election of city officers men should be the thing worked for, and not party. The ringmasters of the republican party, which party has probably 200 majority in the city, early began preparing to put a straight ticket in the field. They called a convention to meet Saturday, almost on the eve of election, and prepared to carry out their schemes, by putting their cut-and-dried candidates in nomination. Against this the liberal minded men in the party entered a protest, and by a united effort, a people's convention was called to meet before the republican convention, and candidates were selected regardless of party or party affiliations. Some of these men re-appeared to rule out of the republican convention by applying the party whip; but it was no go, and they were compelled to submit gracefully to the wishes of the people, and nominate some of the same men. The result of the election we give below.

## OFFICERS.

OFFICERS.	First Ward.	Second Ward.	Third Ward.	Fourth Ward.	Total.
JUDGES OF THE PEACE—					
James Clayton	39	55	40	48	182
John F. Lewis	24	61	74	50	209
J. E. Wood	11	54	73	32	170
E. C. Bailey	24	69	59	34	186
CONSTABLES—					
D. K. Benedict	39	36	73	46	194
George Stroble	21	33	52	37	143
L. P. Aber	23	23	73	42	261
J. W. Dawson	25	37	72	42	276
Police Jury—					
W. H. Odell	23	79	125	73	300
J. H. Jenson	24	90	88	37	339
CITY TREASURER—					
Myron Gilmore	49	62	95	68	274
O. J. Richards	45	100	113	41	299
TREASURER SCHOOL BOARD—					
J. V. Brinkman	52	60	106	61	279
C. W. Murphy	44	110	105	51	310

Mr. O. B. Wilson being the nominee for mayor on both tickets received almost every vote cast, there being only a few votes cast for other persons, and those only cast by way of amusement. For ward officers the following were elected: First ward, councilman, John Langham; member of school board, C. F. Diefenbacher; second ward, councilman, W. B. Cornell; school board, G. W. Nimocks; third ward, councilman, two years, G. H. Hulme; short term, C. B. Gillis; school board, J. K. Humphrey; fourth ward, councilman, C. Q. Newcombe; school board, Wm. Torrey.

## VOLUME SIX.

With this issue the DEMOCRAT enters upon its sixth year of usefulness. It has, as a newspaper, gone through almost all the trials and tribulations of western journalism; it has almost had the stuff knocked out of it at various times in its earlier history; it has passed through the hands of men who had no pride in party success, nor ability in financial management, and has, as a consequence, languished and pined very near death's door; but we are proud to say that our belief now is that the BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT, now the largest paper ever published in the county, has gained for itself a claim upon the good will and patronage of the citizens of this city and county.

By the present shape and size of the DEMOCRAT we gain many advantages over its former size. We are enabled to give to our readers at least ten columns more of reading matter than formerly, and still have more space and a chance for better display of advertisements. The general and telegraphic news is also of a later date than we could give formerly, and we believe that our readers will greatly appreciate the improvement.

Having made the change at the beginning of what we believe will be one of the most prosperous seasons this part of Kansas has ever known, we are confident that the increase of patronage

we shall receive will amply repay us for the extra expense attendant upon the enlargement.

After a fellow goes to Kansas City to see the dudes of that town he ceases to wonder at Kansas City girls kissing pug dogs.

HARTLAND only has three democratic newspapers. That probably accounts for the county seat question in that county being settled amicably.

In Hutchinson the mayor appointed one lady clerk of election in each ward. How Ralph Easley could permit such a thing to be done is a mystery to the entire state of Kansas and the outlying territories.

It is rumored that the state senator for this district has been in Washington after the registration of the Larned land office. What in the world would become of his party in Barton county if he should move away?

BOLTERS were very plentiful in the elections in all the large cities this spring. In Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, Topeka and Great Bend the party lash, administered by the old rings, had a back-action that was unpleasant for the "straights."

MANY of our farmers are expressing their determination of buying as little farm machinery this year as they can possibly get along with, and if that spirit is carried out both the farmers and machine men will be better off at the close of the season than if no limit was made to purchases.

Too bad the republicans of the city could not make up their ticket without indorsing some of the candidates on the people's ticket, was it not? Could you not find other men capable and willing to be honored? The city is better off with the result as it is; but the republican party workers have not gained anything in the estimation of the fairer minded.

THE out-going city officials have little to regret and much to be proud of in their administration. While they have been subjected to criticism, and some actions they have taken have been, through a wrong conception, unpopular with some, we still believe the gentlemen had the welfare of the city at heart, and will retire feeling that they have done their duty.

THE Kansas republican legislature made such a blunder in changing the name of Davis county to Geary because they supposed it was named after Jeff, that our citizens will have to watch, when that august body of blunderers again meets, that they don't take a notion that Great Bend was named after the notorious Bender family, and change it, to Horsquabble, or Ske-dunk, or some other classic name.

THE weakness of the navy of the United States now shows up in unpleasant prominence, when it is known that we have not a single war ship with which to rightly maintain our position in the Samoan waters. Should this nation lose its rights in Samoa, and be compelled to submit to the actions of other nations without a protest, the republican party, which, through long years of misrule permitted the decay of the navy, will not stand in a very enviable position.

APRIL 22d, the boomers (and bummers) enter the promised land of Oklahoma. In course of time thousands of men will be enabled to acquire homes in the new territory, and we can not see but that it was well and good to open it for settlement. As to the throwing open those lands for settlement being an injury to Kansas, we cannot see how it will injure our state. Men who have acquired homes here cannot better themselves by going to Oklahoma, if they have been at all successful in their vocations. A few, of course, will sacrifice their interests and remove to the new country, only to go through other years of hardships with no more assurance of success than they had here, and less than is now promised by Kansas.

## Our Teachers in Hutchinson.

Last Friday our city school teachers were given a holiday, and Prof. Reece, accompanied by the Misses Smith, Palmer, Reece, Bearden, Allison, Long, Miller, Reynolds, Bridges and McDowell, went to Hutchinson to visit the schools. They were met at the depot by City Superintendent Minnich, who conducted them to his office and there assigned them to grades corresponding with the ones taught by them in the Great Bend schools.

Hutchinson may well be proud of her schools. She has a large and efficient corps of teachers, and the school work is well systematized. The visitors were well pleased with what they saw and heard, and gained many new ideas of school work. We would like to make special mention of the work done in each grade, but it would make our article very lengthy and still not do the teachers justice. Not the least interesting part of the day's program was the hospitality shown the visitors. Thanks are due to Prof. Minnich, Prof. Jones and wife, and some of the lady teachers whose names we cannot call, who entertained the teachers at their homes, thus helping to make the day one long to be remembered. The writer was entertained by the Misses Oakes and will not soon forget the pleasant time spent in their home.

After school the visitors, under the guidance of Prof. Minnich, visited the salt works and viewed the various improvements, which heretofore they had only heard and read about. At 5 p. m. the party left for Great Bend, all voting the trip a success as far as information and enjoyment were concerned, but the day was altogether too short.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

## Holsington.

A surveyor has been employed to plat an addition to Holsington on the north and east.

D. O. Gray has bought Mr. McCumber's blacksmith shop and added an addition thereto.

Ellinwood has twelve business firms that do not advertise, says the Advocate. A bad sign.

Master Mechanic Guston, will move his family from Council Grove here as soon as he can get a dwelling.

It is reported that an extra passenger train each way a day will be put on next week. We hope there is good foundation for the report.

There is a case of small pox at McCracken. A large number of people of the town have been exposed to the disease and the city has been quarantined against.

"Where is your cemetery?" The stranger asks. We have none, don't need one. All live here. Even our doctors have grown fat from living at ease; cases of gout are the worst they have to deal with.

It is almost definitely settled that the Mo. P. will extend their branch, which now runs from here to Great Bend, on to Seward which is only twelve miles south of Great Bend, thus connecting their Larned extension with this their Colorado line.

The ceremonious laying of the corner stone of the First M. E. church of Holsington was witnessed by a large number of people on Monday afternoon. The day was very fine and suitable for the occasion. The ceremony was conducted in a very impressive manner by Rev. W. R. Watson of Great Bend, Revs. Ross, Pitkin, Rubicum, Haskins and Newman were in attendance. The little box fitted in the corner stone contained a copy of the Buffalo Christian Advocate; a copy of the first issue of the Holsington Dispatch; a list of the school scholars of the city, consisting of 109 pupils; a list of the members of the M. E. church, consisting of twenty-six persons; the names of the official members of the church, which are—Stewarts: Sylvester Wilson, Samuel Cummings, D. O. Deever, Mrs. Harriet Amidon, Trustees: Sylvester Wilson, D. W. Linder, D. O. Deever, Samuel Cummings, Wm. Ford.—Building Committee: Henry Smith, Joseph Boissel, S. B. Amidon, R. Wehr. Also a list of early settlers in Holsington, the business and time they located. A subscription was taken up, and \$77.50 raised which will be devoted to the building fund of the church.

## Stafford County.

News items are scarce. Farmers are busy now.

Howard Lake has returned to his old stamping ground.

Mr. Fancher's family are still on the sick list, as they have been nearly all winter. His wife is very bad with rheumatism.

The neighborhood was very sorry to lose Nick Nicewaner, who left for Missouri last week. He rented his place to Mr. Stroble.

Oats are about all planted, and people are busy plowing for millet, and getting ready for the lister, as that is the favorite way of planting corn down this way.

What's become of the Bend creamery? Is it gone the way of ours? The last meeting that was held, they adjourned until October, which I guess is equivalent to "Sine die."

Henry Hinz had the bad luck to lose one of his fine horses, which is a sad loss to him at this time of the year. He has just got settled in his new home, the John Smith place.

The schools have all closed their winter terms, some with exhibitions and others spelling bees. The Gates school had a good time, and Miss Button, I believe, gave general satisfaction. The Eden Valley school was about the last to close; they gave a very good entertainment.

## Ellinwood.

The Ellinwood mills is running day and night.

Better not be in too big a hurry about planting. Save your seed until the ground is warm.

Mr. Wm. Mangelsdorf is wearing smoked glasses, owing to some very severe trouble with his eyes.

Yes, trusts are "absolutely necessary" and "beneficial." The binder twine trust has advanced the price of twine from 9 to 25 cents per pound.

At a caucus held in E. L. Hotchkiss' office on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of nominating candidates for city officers, the following ticket was named: For mayor, Mat Dick; for councilman, John Dick, Al Meyer, Frank Baker, John Bader and T. P. Fair; for police judge, A. H. Harris.

A good way for the Kansas farmers to get even with the binder twine trust, and at the same time give employment to hundreds of idle men, would be to bind their wheat in the good old way, with straw, as was done before the days of self binders and trusts.

Say, you fellows with fast hounds, there is an old jack rabbit hangs out on the prairie near the Pennsylvania salt plant, which said j. r., has run down every dog in this vicinity. A purse of \$25 has been made up and will be bet that none of the blooded hounds of Hutchinson can catch him. Bring on your dogs and let us have a chase.—South Hutchinson Herald.

If outsiders are admitted, here is a good chance for "Uncle Bobby" Smart to exhibit Bessie Lee or Belle Scott, and show those Hutchinsonites that they haven't any fast dogs, and rake in that \$25.

## South Bend.

## Froncour Correspondent.

Wheat looks promising in the sand hills.

G. W. Miller has moved to Great Bend to try city life, but still we notice the good people are returning to Barton county, and in particular to South Bend township.

Rev. Ayars addressed a large congregation at No. 16 on week ago last Sunday and will be with us again next Sunday. Everybody come out and you will never regret it.

Mr. Parse, late of Los Animas, Cal., has returned and rented a farm in Barton county. He says the Pacific coast is a delightful climate, but climate alone will not sustain a working man.

The people of South Bend have organized a Sabbath school at No. 16, and

elect the following officers: W. J. Hughes, superintendent; C. W. Purcell, assistant superintendent; Mary McGarratt, secretary; Fred Moore, treasurer; Julia Belgels, organist; A. Ward, librarian. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## PERSONAL MENTIONS.

Treasurer Krause visited Ellinwood, Monday.

Cal Dawson has been on the sick list this week.

A. S. Houck was over from Holsington, Monday.

Dr. V. M. Chester was up from Nickerson last week.

W. W. Hickman was in the city Monday, on business.

W. H. Bonner and family have removed to Hutchinson.

Pete Kimpler, Jr., was in the city from Ellinwood, Friday.

Frank Millard was down to see the fun on city election day.

Mrs. S. J. Saul, of the south side, called Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. S. B. Chappel is in Kansas City visiting with friends.

John W. Feaster was in the city again on business, Saturday.

J. R. Underwood drove down from north Homestead, Saturday.

Bob Heizer has so far recovered as to be about his business again.

Henry Uden drove down from Odin, Saturday, to the county capital.

J. H. Bement was up to the county seat, Friday, from Pawnee Rock.

Frank Millard of Wheatland township, was in the city Thursday last.

Commissioner Schiewer says wheat in his neighborhood is growing finely.

Tom Mallory was among the Holsington visitors to the city, Saturday.

Two of the older sons of F. M. Russell came in from Colorado, last week.

Henry Boyle, of Albion, was a welcome caller on the printer, Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie Chappel left to join her husband in Pueblo, Saturday evening last.

Jake Trester is happy because of the return of his wife from her eastern visit.

Wm. Gagleman shook hands with Great Bend friends, the last of the week.

Mrs. Judge Clayton and Mrs. Hannum have been quite ill for several weeks.

'Squire W. P. Bruce was going with the crowd on the streets, Saturday last.

A nephew of A. C. and Oscar Fair has been visiting them, from Pennsylvania.

Jacob Giel and J. S. Winget, from the northwest, were on the streets, Tuesday.

G. W. Ricketts, of Eureka township, was a caller at this office the last of the week.

Will F. Welch, a former employee of this office, returned from Iowa, last week.

Miss Stewart, one of our city teachers, visited the Dodge City schools, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Valkenburg had a son born unto them on the first inst.

W. R. Nelson, from near Pawnee Rock, was shopping in the city the last of the week.

R. B. Briggs, of booming Buffalo, was talking Farmer's Alliance, on the street Saturday.

C. J. C. Reeder and O. J. Baldwin were down from the northwest the first of the week.

Joe Meeker and P. H. Murphy and daughter, were reading the city signs, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Steel and son Fred, of Ellinwood, were visiting and shopping in Great Bend Tuesday.

Mrs. May McGinnis, nee Jones, is visiting parents in this city. Her home is now in Atchison.

Miss Smith, sister of Mrs. G. H. Young, arrived Friday evening last from Brandon, Vermont.

Dr. Kleuber, wife and daughter, were visiting in the city the first of the week, from Ellinwood.

Miss Tam Gould returned Thursday from a visit of several months to Chicago and other points east.

Sid Crane was in, Saturday, purchasing firearms and ammunition for the purpose of goose slaughter.

G. L. Brinkman, who came up to attend the funeral of Geo. Ashton, returned home to Kansas City, Monday.

F. T. Sallader, late of Marshall, Mo., is the new manager at the Morrien. C. D. Pinckney goes to McPherson.

Ernest Bollinger, with Bollinger, Theis & Co., stock commission firm of Kansas City, is home for a visit of a few weeks.

Dr. Meagan, of Pawnee Rock, was a caller at this office, Monday. He has about recovered from the shaking up he got some days ago by being thrown from his buggy.

## Central Normal Notes.

By Uno Who.

Prof. Wolford returned from a few days' trip to Salina, yesterday.

Work has been commenced on the college campus. Several have begun on their yards and gardens.

Owing to the continued success of the "Bumpers," the foot-ball teams have been reorganized.

J. McDowell is having his house moved east of the college. He will keep a boarding house.

A number of the students went home Saturday. Those that didn't were out Monday, fooling the birds, etc., with guns.

The final essays of the Science class will be given Saturday evening at 8 p. m. The subjects will be taken mostly from French history.

The teachers' association Saturday was not as glowing a success as it could have been. A few faithful ones were present, and the program was carried out as well as possible. The next meeting will be held at Holsington.

Through an error of the typographical artist, the complimentary letter to Prof. Wright was printed without a signature. The letter was from Prof. S. S. Hamill, and it speaks considerable not only for Prof. W., but also the college, which has nothing but first class instructors.

H. H. Tracy has been employed as stenographer by a leading law firm in Garden City. To show what can be done at the college, his speed is given. On business correspondence he wrote 160 words per minute; general reading, 141 words; after two and a half months study.

The fourth term commenced with 150 students, and prospects of many more. There are about thirty-five daily classes organized. The class in methods of teaching is a very large and the most inspiring. The term work is well started and much will be accomplished in the next few weeks. The grades of certificates and work done in the district schools of this and other counties will indicate what good the C. N. C. has done.

WHEN this city cannot close a house of prostitution because of having no place in which to confine female prisoners and compel them to pay fines, it is about time arrangements were being made for a city jail. The public will blame our city officers for not abolishing the nuisance, and at the same time will object to the city going to the expense of a city building which would make it possible to compel a compliance with the law. The question here touched upon is a serious one, and our people should give it more than a passing thought. What would or could our officers do should there be half a dozen houses of the nature of the one referred to above conducted in our city? They could do simply nothing.

Holsington's Officers.

At the election held at Holsington on the 1st, the following officers were elected: Mayor, Dr. McIlvinn; police judge, A. H. Baker; councilmen, Geo. A. Orr, H. Grover, Dan Healey and Ed. Heath. The other candidates were: for councilmen, W. S. Douglas, Eli Bowman, J. H. Hepler and J. Lindas. There was little opposition to the above gentlemen.

To Our Friends.

We desire to hereby express our deep gratitude to the friends and neighbors who showed the kindness of their hearts by giving their time and attention during the illness of our mother.

S. H. GWINN,  
ROBERT GWINN.

The celebrated "W. L. Douglas \$3 Shoe," also a full line of other advertised goods may be found at his agents, "The Boston," Great Bend.

Perrin's Universal Phonography, simplest, most legible and rapid of all shorthand, complete in ten easy lessons. Speed for practical work in from three to five months, according to time devoted to study. Instruction also given on the type-writer. Short-hand also taught by mail. For full particulars, terms, etc., call at the Central Normal College, or address

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Great Bend, Kan.

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1-9 C. A. HOOPER, Druggist.

Extra Fine stock of Fruit Trees, Hardy Roses and Flowering Shrubbery, at prices to suit the times.

T. T. RHODES,  
East Side of Square.

Crume Pegan, an old Barton county boy, accompanied by his wife and children, returned to Colorado Saturday, after attending the funeral of Mrs. Gwinn, mother of Mrs. Pegan.

KANSAS stands twelfth in the list of states today. She went up five in four years. At that rate, by the time of the next presidential election she will be seventh, and in eight years second. Watch Kansas.—Kansas City News.

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